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Lawrence M. Noble. Esq.
General Counsel
Federal Election Commission
999 E Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20463

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Dear Mr. Noble:

I am writing to file a formal complaint against Chris Chocola, candidate for U.S. House of Representatives in Indiana's Third Congressional District, and the Chris Chocola for Congress Committee, for accepting 36 illegal contributions. A complete list of the illegal contributions is attached.

As you know, the Indiana primary took place on May 2, 2000. Under federal law, contributions which are received by the campaign committee after the primary must be designated for the general election. The Chocola for Congress Committee accepted 32 contributions after the primary--some as many as four months later--but designated them towards the primary. The Committee also accepted three contributions from individuals during the primary cycle which exceeded the \$1,000 limit. In addition, the Committee accepted one contribution after the primary which also exceeded the primary limit. This information is based on the July quarterly and October quarterly reports filed with the FEC by the Chocola for Congress Committee, and are a matter of public record.

I could understand if the Chocola for Congress Committee made a single mistake. However, by accepting 36 illegal contributions, some of them months after the primary contribution cycle ended, the Committee has exhibited a clear pattern of deliberate intent to violate the law. I would urge the FEC to investigate this matter and take appropriate action against Chris Chocola and the Chris Chocola for Congress Committee.

Sincerely,

Tim Roemer
Member of Congress

attachment

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this
25 day of October 2000.

Caroline F. Kiemp
Notary Public, District of Columbia
My Commission Expires 04-30-05

ILLEGAL CONTRIBUTIONS ACCEPTED BY THE CHRIS CHOCOLA FOR CONGRESS COMMITTEE

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason **</u>
Richard Bolling	7-27-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Tom Corson	9-18-00	\$500	designated primary
James Drexinger	9-1-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Phillip Eddy	8-21-00	\$100	designated primary
Wes Herschberger	5-11-00	\$465.86	designated primary
Janelle Herschberger	7-11-00	\$465.86	designated primary
Janelle Herschberger	8-11-00	\$465.86	designated primary
Susan Hight	9-29-00	\$450	designated primary & exceeds primary limit
John "Jack" Hiler	5-1-00	\$1,000	exceeds primary limit
Catherine Hiler	5-1-00	\$337.82	exceeds primary limit
Dan Holtz	9-15-00	\$300	designated primary
Allan Hubbard	5-17	\$500	designated primary
Sue Jellison	7-11-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Thomas Jellison	7-11-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Keith Jones	8-10-00	\$200	designated primary
Keith Jones	9-1-00	\$100	designated primary
Lisa Liegl	8-18-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Peter Liegl	5-25-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Sharon Liegl	5-25-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Gordon Lord	4-26-00	\$1,000	exceeds primary limit
Allan Ludwig	7-17-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Dennis McCarthy	6-30-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Merril McCarthy	6-30-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Charles Morse	9-7-00	\$200	designated primary
Linda Pletcher	9-25-00	\$750	designated primary
Thomas Pletcher	9-1-00	\$200	designated primary
Harold Schrock	9-19-00	\$900	designated primary
Loraine Simpson	9-15-00	\$500	designated primary
Todd Sullivan	8-25-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Janet Swihart	8-18-00	\$750	designated primary
Emerick Szalay	5-9-00	\$500	designated primary
Barbara Vite	6-27-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Frank Vite	6-27-00	\$1,000	designated primary
Bill Warrick	8-25-00	\$700	designated primary
Bill Warrick	9-7-00	\$300	designated primary
Donald Weldy	9-19-00	\$1,000	designated primary

Total: 36 illegal contributions

Total: \$24,685.40

** Note: the Indiana primary was held on May 2, 2000

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